

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9, 21-22 and 25-31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6, 10, 12, 14 and 18.

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A gripper for conveying a tool from a tool magazine to a work spindle, the tool having a shank and a groove, the shank having a larger diameter than the groove, said gripper comprising:

a first member for interacting with said groove of the tool, and

a second member for interacting with a different region of said tool from said groove, wherein said second member lies against said different region of said tool, and said second member moving ~~axially with respect to~~ along a longitudinal axis of the tool ~~when to grasp~~ the tool ~~is grasped~~ by the second member,

the first member including two contact surfaces having a peripheral spacing of approximately 60° to 90° separating the two contact surfaces and each of the two contact surfaces having a peripheral angle of approximately 30°.

7. (Previously Presented) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein said second member has at least two contact surfaces for gripping the tool, and said tool is located between the at least two contact surfaces and held with a clamping action.

8. (Previously Presented) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein said second member has a claw engaging at least half of a diameter of said tool.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein said first member and said second member are ~~moved~~ movable relative to each other.

11. (Previously Presented) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein said first member is stationary and the second member is constructed for movement toward the first member.

12. (Currently Amended) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein said second member comprises at least two elements which interact as claws.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein an actuating device drives said ~~first and second members~~ member.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein in grasping said tool said first member first engages in said groove of said tool and then said second member grasps the tool with a clamping action.

19. (Previously Presented) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein said first member forms an abutment for said second member in an interaction of said second member with said tool.

20. (Previously Presented) A gripper according to claim 6, wherein a position-securing means for radial alignment of said tool is provided on said first member.

Claims 21-31 (Cancelled)